

## **Minutes of the Transportation Committee**

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present:	Chairman Hoselton, Members Black, Caisley, Soeldner, Cavallini and McKibbin
Members Absent:	None
Other Members Present:	None
Staff Members Present:	Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary
Department Heads Present:	Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer
Others Present:	Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Rich Buchanan, Candidate for County Board

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. He stated that the first Item for Action is approval of the minutes from the August 7, 2012 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Black to recommend approval of the minutes from the August 7, 2012 meeting of the Transportation Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for August 31, 2012. The prepaid total is \$1,190,219.74

Mr. Soeldner asked the need for Becker Tree Service. Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that a tree in overhanging a garage in Lexington involved a power line. When the County does not feel comfortable, a professional tree service is hired.

Motion by Soeldner/Cavallini to recommend payment of the August 31, 2012 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first Item for Action is the Resolution and Bid Tab for the August 28, 2012 Letting for 1) County 2012 and 1) Township 2012 Non- MFT Construction Section.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the location of the Meadows Road, from the intersection of CH 8 and CH 23 north over the Interstate and ending at the bridge over Turkey Creek. Also included in the project is part of the Lexington Township Road up to the ISU Farm Composting facility. Of the \$948,642.57 cost, \$820,000 is Grant funding. He noted that the end of the season overlay and widening project was under the estimate.

Mr. Black asked if the Grant funding will be affected because of the lower bid. Mr. Schmitt responded the Grant funding will not be affected. \$500,000 of the funding is from Illinois Jobs Now and \$320,000 is TARP funding.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the joint Schaad Bridge repair project. He noted that the timber boards on the back of the abutments are deteriorating. The project is 1.33% over the estimate

Mr. Caisley asked if the reduction in the number of bidders is due to the contractors being busy. Mr. Schmitt responded that there are only two local hot mix contractors. They both bid the project.

Mr. Schmitt recommended awarding the following materials and contracts:

2012 MFT Construction Section:

McLean County	Section 11-00005-02-WR	Meadows Road
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
Rowe Construction, a Div of United Contractors Midwest, Inc 1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702		\$948,642.57

2012 Non-MFT Construction Section:

Dale RD	Sec 2012 Dale Twp RD Jt Bridge Repair1	Schaad Bridge
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
Stark Excavating, Inc. 1805 W Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701		\$148,628.00

Motion by Cavallini/Black to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the August 28, 2012 Letting for 1) County 2012 and 1) Township 2012 Non- MFT Construction Section.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Engineering Services Agreement – Farnsworth Group, Inc.

- Martin Road District 1600 North Rd – Schroeder Bridge  
Sec 12-22138-00BR

Mr. Schmitt stated that the project is located in Martin Township. The timber pile bridge is deteriorating. He presented a visual of the condition of the bridge built in 1953. The concrete deck is not in bad shape; the timber piles underneath are the problem. Located at the water level there are sections of timber pile missing. The bridge is posted at a weight limit of 20,000 pounds. He pointed out that there is a 24 inch tile under the bridge. Concrete has been poured over the tile to protect it.

Mr. Caisley asked if the plans include protecting the tile. Mr. Schmitt responded that because it is a smaller bridge, a box culver will be installed. The tile will be moved

outside the box. If there is ever a problem, the tile will be more accessible. This is a common practice with County Highway bridges.

Mr. Caisley asked if the tile line is Township or a cooperative tile line of a group of farmers. Mr. Schmitt advised that it is a farmer's tile line.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the agreement is for the engineering replacement of the Schroeder Bridge. He noted that charges are for actual hours with a do not exceed \$28,000 clause included.

Chairman Hoselton asked how the County will be billed. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County will be billed monthly, a standard procedure.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend  
approval of the Engineering Services Agreement –  
Farnsworth Group, Inc. - Martin Road District  
1600 North Rd – Schroeder Bridge, Sec 12-22138-00BR  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Cooksville Road – County Highway 17 – Sec 11-00039-04-RS.

- 80,000 lb Weight Limit Resolution

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Resolution will increase the weight limit of the Cooksville Road, McLean County Highway 17, from Illinois Route 9 (1400N) to Illinois Route 165 (1800N) to 80,000 pounds.

Motion by Soeldner/Black to recommend  
approval of the Weight Limit Resolution  
for the Cooksville Road – County Highway 17  
Sec 11-00039-04-RS.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised that the next items to be presented to the Committee are Items of Information beginning with Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt presented a pictorial of the current project summaries pointing out the Carver Road (CH 31) Hickory Creek II Bridge – Sec 04-00073-07-BR project construction which is completed. Seeding still needs to be completed. The road was opened for traffic on Friday August 31, 2012. The bridge has a 40 foot deck - 24 foot pavement and 8 foot shoulders, which allows for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The Department plans to oil and chip the aggregate shoulders next year.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the dark color of the bridge deck. Linseed oil has been applied to seal the deck and help protect against the salt. The Department is considering the application of linseed oil on all County bridge decks as part of our bridge maintenance. Other Counties are following this procedure.

Mr. Black asked the life expectancy of the new bridge. Mr. Schmitt advised that 80 years is the estimated life span of the Hickory Creek II Bridge. He noted that one of the biggest attributes of McLean County that puts us ahead of other Counties is 99% of County bridges are cast in place. The State and other Counties are having problems with pre cast decks.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the process of a shelf supporting the approach to the bridge rather than an abutted joint demonstrates the quality of the Hickory Creek II Bridge. Mr. Schmitt presented a visual of the shelf supported approach, pointing out that with this type of approach there will be no settling of the approach pad.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Cooksville Road (CH 17) – Sec 11-00039-04-RS. The road has been recycled and resurfaced. The shoulders will be finished, with the guardrail and raised reflective markers installed this week. Construction should be completed by August 31, 2012. The recycled material is 6 inches thick with a 2 ½ inch new surface. The road is now rated an 80,000 lb road.

Mr. Schmitt presented the Stormwater Education Program, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report for April 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012. The Ecology Action Center has completed the following tasks as part of the Stormwater Education and Public Participation program:

- Education Programs
- Informational Events and Presentations
- Yard Smart Program
- Other Efforts – Storm drain stenciling, Watershed website, Bloomington/Normal, Clean Up Week, Stormwater Runoff Awareness, Fund raising for Household Hazardous Waste Collection, September, 2012, etc.

Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer informed the Committee that the Ecology Action Center will host the Household Hazardous Waste collection on September 29, 2012 at the Interstate Center, Bloomington, IL.

Mr. Schmitt reported that in July the Committee asked where Potters Industries was located. Potters Industries is headquartered in Valley Forge, PA. Our glass beads ship from Muscatine, Iowa.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee.

Mr. Soeldner asked for a brief report on the Rail Road Crossings in his District. Mr. Schmitt advised that the Department received a call from Northfolk and Southern Rail Road notifying the County that they would be in McLean County working on crossings between Arrowsmith and Holder. A notice was placed in the paper, on the County Highway Department's website, and sent to the local schools and fire departments. The crossing in Ellsworth, Lexington/LeRoy and three Townships crossing were replaced with the rubber strips.

Mr. Schmitt advised that, in preparation for the Washington Street project in Downs, meetings were held with representatives of the school, the water department, the church and with the Village Board. Hanson Representatives went with the County Highway Department door to door meeting with the residents of the Village of Downs asking for their concerns regarding the upcoming project. The meetings were well received and the Village is pleased with the approach Hanson is taking with the project. Useful information was obtained.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there were any further questions or comments to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday, October 2, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary